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RE: Metropolitan Transportation Commission
(MTC) FY 2002/2003-2004/2005 FTIP
Amendment 16

Dear Mr. Nicholas:

We have completed our review of Amendment Number 16 of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 2002/2003-2004/2005 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for inclusion into California's current Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment is MTC's annual Program of Projects (POP) amendment, which amends the FTIP to reflect FTA program funding and make minor revisions to transit projects throughout the MTC region. The amendment was adopted by MTC on March 24, 2004.

We find that this FTIP Amendment is based on a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated transportation process in accordance with the provisions of 23 USC 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC app 1607). We also find that the actions documented in this amendment are consistent with the current transportation conformity determination and the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This amendment is based on the demonstration of financial constraint for the MTC FTIP that was adopted by administrative amendment on January 29, 2004, reconciling the MTC FTIP with current fund estimates.

This letter constitutes approval of the amended MTC FTIP for inclusion in California's 2002/2003 to 2004/2005 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting the necessary administrative requirements.

Sincerely,



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